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Gentlemen of the DOJ:

As a citizen, taxpayer and voter as well as a small business owner, I am voicing my opinion regarding the Microsoft Case and the Proposed Settlements, etc.

I am a staunch supporter of free enterprise and sound business practices. Moreover, I am also a believer in providing products that are of value to consumers and making an honest profit from such enterprise.

In my opinion, and I consider it an "informed" opinion, Microsoft has been wrongly harassed in this entire issue. In addition to developing a business profile that makes a profit by serving the consumer needs as well as investing in providers and competitors, the key executives at Microsoft have followed the American Business Profile in an admirable fashion.

While some in Federal and State Government feel that business should be not-for-profit and service the common good without regard to profitability, I live in the real world.

Microsoft has continued to create systems that make it easier for me to work as well as providing a common platform for non-Microsoft programs to run on my computer.

My desire is that the DOJ and various state governments spend time and money pursuing the drug dealers and the child pornographers that are dramatically damaging our country's most valuable resources, our youth. Leave Microsoft alone. Cheer Bill Gates and his execs for generating taxable revenues, providing jobs, giving to charity and helping to make the world of computers easier for us 50 year-old dinosaurs to use in everyday business applications.

If you notice, this e-mail is sent from a non-Microsoft connections, using Netscape as my browser. I use WIndows XP and Office 2000 in my everyday work!

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